

RMHS PTO Meeting
June 9, 2020
7:00-8:00 pm (via Zoom)

Attendance:

Marianne Tompkins	Laura Forse	Rebecca Schromm
Julie O'Shea	Monette Verrier	Paul Howes
Christine Parks	John Parks	Carla Nazzaro
Geoffrey Coram	Fran Sullivan	Janine Perkins
Kate Boynton	Kristen Granara	Teresa Avent
Christine Strack	Eileen Manning	Sam Weld
Kathy Kinney	Annie Letendre	

7:00 Julie welcomed everyone to meeting and would continue to let people in through Zoom as we went. Asked the people do not record meeting, fill out attendance sheet and ballot with links in chat. Use raise hand feature to answer questions.

Reports

Secretary: Minutes from February Meeting on Website under PTO
Treasurer report-Geoffrey Coram – Budget is doing well and we have a surplus. Library budget is \$400 but used less than \$200 with school closure. Still need to donate \$1000 to the library to buy books as is done every year. We held a fundraiser selling masks and it covered buying masks for staff for teacher appreciation. The new budget was presented and approved. The only real change was increasing the staff appreciation budget.

Thank you for Teacher Appreciation Week. Bags with a mask and some chocolates were made available on Tuesday morning for staff to pick up. About 1/3 were picked up and the rest will be distributed in the Fall.

Mask fundraiser was very successful. We sold out during the first round so opened orders back up and to date have sold 492 masks. Orders will close on June 14.

There is a full ballot for the new PTO board. Please vote for PTO Board Members using chat function by 8:30

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Featured Speaker

Principal Kathleen Boynton

It has been an emotional roller coaster. Thank the PTO for masks. Staff were very appreciative. Shout out to Kathy Kinney for monitoring Cupcake City and CB Stuffers during senior pick up. Dropped off books, picked up cap/gown, yearbooks, cumulative folders. Last day for students to come in and pick up locker contents. More dates will be set with more time slots over several days for families that couldn't come in. That's what we have been working on over the last few weeks.

On Sunday A Night to Remember, drive in movie style event for superlatives and the senior slide show. A great celebratory event. One of the last events for seniors but last thing will be a in person, socially distant grad on July 26, rain date August 2 in the evening on the stadium field. Need to get BOH approval. A lot of communities having drive in but community wanted in person.

Based on Dr. Doherty's notice staff/parents are working on subcommittees. One thing includes survey for staff, parents and students around reopening.

Questions: Some students said materials lost-principal/asst. principal will reach out to try to find where things are. May have used other locker.

What was response rate to survey sent out by district? Good response rate from parents, about 1000 parents responded. Not so good with students. Overwhelming feedback people want more live sessions. Want a platform that is more user friendly than teams. Working with zoom for next year. Contract has been signed on RPS end, waiting for zoom.

Next survey really want 100 participation from parents, students and staff to help with planning for Fall. Survey for middle and high school students will go to school email. Not sure about elementary. If parents see it they should highlight for kids to fill out.

Why did we use zoom for pto? Use zoom for PTO because not school, but used private link.

There is a rumor circulating that middle and high school would be remote and younger grades would be spread across all schools. Is that an option? Principals do not have seat at table, all superintendents and asst. super. Most likely scenario is a hybrid model. State said will make decisions for about 85/90% about what happens to have consistency. Have heard like

red/yellow/green color coding. One scenario is week A and week B alternating. Red all remote, green everyone in school with PPE and social distancing criteria. Schools have been told what to purchase for PPE. Preparing different scenarios but can't really plan until DESE releases guidelines. Also possible scenario with teachers moving not kids. Running a number of different scenarios. Looking at international that have opened. Need to be nimble incase there is an uptick. There will be grading not pass/pass incomplete.

Parents reporting a problem with consistency on how lessons and homework is delivered. How will that be fixed? One parent reported student in High School has normal google classroom account and has second google classroom with personal email for a teacher, one uses remind, one uses portal, one uses portal with outlook email. Principal said honestly not ready with a technology plan and we need one. One of the planning committees is looking at tech platforms and give recommendations. Some teachers were nervous about google but once they worked with it liked it.

Can we have junior specific meetings to help navigate this? There is a plan for a virtual junior parent meeting. Still trying to figure out if large or small group by guidance. Need to have zoom up and running first. Planning for early Fall. Colleges know and will handle in much more sensitive way.

Have there been any staff cuts announced? Right now we are committed to not cutting staff.

Hoping snow days are not a thing since we should have remote learning up and running. Is that possible? We will be so versed in transitioning we can work at home. It is up to state to allow. One issue is equity. This situation has opened up conversation again.

We are in a holding pattern for scheduling. First run is done and ready to do sections but can't until we know what it is going to look like with some many variables.

Question to return earlier? Has not been discussed.

On Ballot Kathy, Marianne to be co pres and Rebecca for sec and Christine for treasure. Please vote by 8:30.